

Remarks:

The Examiner has rejected claims 1–13 and 28–34. Claims 1, 8, and 28 are being amended to further recite the features of the invention. Claim 45 was previously canceled. Claims 14–27, 35–44, and 46–50 were previously withdrawn responsive to an earlier restriction requirement. As a result, claims 1–13 and 28–34 are pending for examination with claims 1, 8, and 28 being independent claims. The amendments made find support in the specification and do not constitute new matter.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner has rejected **claims 1–7 and 28–34** under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated by Richter et al (US 6,725,279) (“Richter”) in view of Fant et al (US 6,957,430) (“Fant”) and further in view of Zou et al (US 2004/0199652) (“Zou”). Further, the Examiner has rejected **claims 8–13** under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated by Richter in view of Tindell et al (US 5,936,643) (“Tindell”) and further in view of Zou. Applicants traverse. Even so, Applicants have amended the claims to further recite the features of the invention.

Independent **claim 1** has been amended to call for:

“...the media processor and the topology generating element are controlled by the media session... wherein the multimedia data flows from the one or more sources into the media session and then out of the

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media session and into the media processor where the multimedia data is passed between the media processor and the one or more multimedia components and then out of the media processor and into a media sink”
(emphasis added)

Independent **claims 8 and 28** have been similarly amended. Support for the amendments can be found in the original specification at least in paragraphs 27, 28, 31, and as shown in FIG. 2.

Neither Richter nor Fant nor Tindell nor Zou, separately or combined, teach, disclose, or suggest Applicants’ claimed features as amended.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that **claims 1, 8, and 28** are not anticipated by Richter under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) even in view of Fant, Tindell, and/or Zou. As such, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

Claims 2–7, 9–13, and 29–34 are each dependent on claim 1, 8, or 28. As such, each of claims 2–7, 9–13, and 29–34 is believed allowable at least in part based upon claim 1, 8, or 28.

Request for Reconsideration:

Reconsideration and examination of the above–referenced application is requested.

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Conclusion:

Accordingly, in view of the above amendment and remarks it is submitted that the claims are patentably distinct over the prior art and that all the rejections to the claims have been overcome. Reconsideration and reexamination of the above application is requested. Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the pending claims be allowed, and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

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